

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Peter Isberg et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 43315-230171
Application No.: 10/576,183 : Art Unit: 1792
Filed: December 22, 2006 : Examiner: S. Ahmed

Title: COATINGS OF $M_{n+1}AX_n$ MATERIAL FOR ELECTRICAL CONTACT ELEMENTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 22, 2008, Applicants restrict prosecution of this application to Group I, claims 57-93, drawn to a contact element. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that unity of invention exists. Along these lines, unity of invention was found to exist during the international phase. Additionally, the contact element recited in claims 57-93 may be included in the contact arrangement recited in claims 94-108, 111 and 112 and the process recited in claims 109 and 110 may be utilized to making the contact member recited in claims 57-93. Accordingly, Applicants submit that unity of invention exists and respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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